WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1. A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with
2   medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, comprising:
3   exchanging medical care information with a medical care information
4   device, the medical care information device being in communication with a
5   medical care provider device associated with the medical care provider; and
6   exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via a
7   communication network, the patient information being associated with the
8   medical care information.

1   2. The method of claim 1, wherein said exchanging medical care
2   information comprises retrieving scheduling information from the medical care
3   information device, and said exchanging patient information comprises
4   transmitting the scheduling information to the remote patient device.

1   3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2   receiving from the remote patient device an indication associated with
3   the scheduling information; and
4   arranging for the indication to be transmitted to the medical care
5   provider device.

1   4. The method of claim 3, wherein the indication comprises at least
2   one of: (i) a request to adjust the scheduling information; (ii) an adjustment to
3   the scheduling information, and (iii) a confirmation of the scheduling
4   information.

1   5. The method of claim 3, wherein said receiving comprises receiving
2   the indication via a Web page and said arranging comprises converting the
3   indication to an electronic mail message.

1   6. The method of claim 3, wherein said arranging comprises at least
2   one of: (i) transmitting the indication to the medical care provider device, and
3   (ii) storing the indication via the medical care information device.

1   7. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2   retrieving supplemental information associated with the patient; and
3   transmitting the supplemental information to the remote patient device.

1   8. The method of claim 7, wherein the supplemental information
2   comprises at least one of: (i) a patient name, (ii) an image of the patient, and
3   (iii) information associated with a medical care provider.

1   9. The method claim 2, further comprising:
2   determining at least one update to the scheduling information; and
3   transmitting an indication of the update to the remote patient device.

1   10. The method of claim 2, wherein the scheduling information
2   includes at least one of: (i) the medical care provider, (ii) a medical care
3   treatment, (iii) a medical care category, (iv) an appointment date, (v) an
4   appointment time, and (vi) an appointment duration.

1   11. The method of claim 2, wherein the scheduling information is
2   associated with at least one of: (i) a medical examination, (ii) a medical
3   treatment, and (iii) a medical procedure.

1   12. The method of claim 2, wherein the scheduling information is
2   associated with a plurality of at least one of: (i) medical care providers, and (ii)
3   medical care information devices.

1   13. The method of claim 1, wherein said exchanging patient
2   information comprises receiving journal information from the remote patient
3   device, and said exchanging medical care information comprises transmitting

4   a least a portion of the journal information to the medical care information

5   device.

1   14. The method of claim 13, wherein the journal information comprises

2   at least one of: (i) text information, (ii) audio information, and (iii) image

3   information.

1   15. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

2   receiving from the remote patient device an indication of the portion of

3   the journal information that should be transmitted to the medical care

4   information device.

1   16. The method of claim 1, wherein said exchanging medical care

2   information comprises retrieving medical diagnosis information from the

3   medical care information device, and said exchanging patient information

4   comprises transmitting to the remote patient device at least one of: (i)

5   information associated with another patient, and (ii) information associated

6   with a support group.

1   17. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

2   determining address information associated with the patient, wherein

3   the patient information transmitted to the remote patient device is further

4   based on the address information.

1   18. The method of claim 1, wherein said exchanging medical care

2   information comprises retrieving medical diagnosis information from the

3   medical care information device, and said exchanging patient information

4   comprises transmitting educational information to the remote patient device.

1   19. The method of claim 18, wherein the educational information

2   comprises at least one of: (i) information associated with the medical care

3   provider, (ii) information generated by the medical care provider, and (iii)

4   information reviewed by the medical care provider.

1   20. The method of claim 1, wherein said exchanging medical care

2   information comprises retrieving at least one medical instruction from the

3   medical care information device and said exchanging patient information

4   comprises transmitting the medical instruction to the remote patient device.

1   21. The method of claim 20, further comprising:

2   receiving from the remote patient device an indication that the patient

3   has complied with the medical instruction.

1   22. The method of claim 1, wherein the medical care provider device is

2   associated with at least one of the following: (i) the medical care provider, (ii)

3   a hospital, (iii) a medical clinic, and (iv) a doctor.

1   23. The method of claim 1, wherein the medical care information

2   device is adapted to exchange at least one of the following with the medical

3   care provider device: (i) scheduling information, (ii) clinical data, (iii) an

4   electronic medical record associated with the patient, (iv) budget information,

5   (v) oncology information, (vi) chemotherapy charting, (vii) outcome

6   management, (viii) clinical imaging, and (ix) transcription information.

1   24. The method of claim 1, wherein the remote patient device

2   comprises at least one of: (i) a personal computer, (ii) a portable computing

3   device, (iii) a telephone, (iv) an interactive television device, and (v) a kiosk.

1   25. The method of claim 1, wherein the communication network

2   comprises at least one of: (i) the Internet, (ii) a public network, (iii) a public

3   switched telephone network, (iv) a proprietary network, (v) a wireless network,

4   and (vi) a local area network.

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1 26. A controller, comprising:

2 a processor; and

3 a storage device in communication with said processor and storing

4 instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

5   exchange medical care information with a medical care

6   information device, the medical care information device being in

7   communication with a medical care provider device associated with a

8   medical care provider; and

9   exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via

10   a communication network, the patient information being associated

11   with the medical care information.

1 27. The controller of claim 26, wherein said storage device further

2 stores at least one of: (i) a patient database, (ii) a scheduling database, and

3 (iii) a supplemental information database.

1 28. The controller of claim 26, further comprising:

2 a communication device coupled to said processor and adapted to

3 communicate with at least one of: (i) a patient device, (ii) a medical care

4 information device, and (iii) a medical care provider device.

1 29. A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a

2 processor to perform a method of facilitating an exchange of information

3 associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider,

4 said method comprising:

5 exchanging medical care information with a medical care information

6 device, the medical care information device being in communication with a

7 medical care provider device associated with the medical care provider; and

8 exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via a

9 communication network, the patient information being associated with the

10 medical care information.

1   30. A computer-implemented method for facilitating an exchange of
2   information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical
3   care provider, comprising:
4   retrieving treatment scheduling information associated with the patient
5   from a medical care information database, the medical care information
6   database also being accessed by a medical care provider device associated
7   with the medical care provider;
8   retrieving an image of the patient;
9   transmitting to the patient the treatment scheduling information and the
10   image of the patient via a Web site;
11   receiving from the patient an indication associated with the treatment
12   scheduling information via the Web site;
13   converting the indication into an electronic mail message; and
14   arranging for the electronic mail message to be transmitted to the
15   medical care provider device.

1   31. A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated
2   with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider,
3   comprising:
4   exchanging patient information at a patient device via a communication
5   network, the patient information being based on medical care information
6   stored at a medical care information device accessed by the medical care
7   provider; and
8   transmitting from the patient device an indication associated with the
9   patient information.

1   32. A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated
2   with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider,
3   comprising:
4   receiving scheduling information at a patient device via a
5   communication network, the scheduling information being based on

6 information stored at a medical care information device accessed by the

7 medical care provider; and

8 transmitting from the patient device a request to adjust the scheduling

9 information.

1 33. A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated

2 with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider,

3 comprising:

4 exchanging medical care information with a medical care information

5 device, the medical care information device being in communication with a

6 controller that that transmits patient information to a remote patient device

7 based on the medical care information; and

8 receiving an indication associated with the patient information.

1 34. A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated

2 with medical care provided to a patient, comprising:

3 exchanging medical care information with a medical care information

4 device via a proprietary communication network; and

5 exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via a

6 public communication network, the patient information being associated with

7 the medical care information.